

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph in the originally filed application on page 23, line 26 through page 25, line 7 as follows:

[0038] The carboxylic acid hydrazide in which the hetero atom-containing compound is an azacycloalkene or an azacycloalkadiene may include a hydrazinocarbonyl straight or branched chain C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylazaC<sub>5-8</sub> cycloalkene which may have the above-mentioned substituent (e.g., a C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl group, a C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl group, and an oxo group) on an azacycloalkene ring thereof [for example, a monoazacycloalkene such as N-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)pyrroline; and a diazacycloalkene such as an N-hydrazinocarbonylalkylimidazoline compound (e.g., 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-2-imidazoline, 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-3-imidazoline, and 1-mono- or 1,3-bis(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-4-imidazoline), or an N-hydrazinocarbonylalkylimidazolone compound (e.g., 1-mono- or 1,3-bis(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-2(3H)-imidazolone, 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-4(5H)-imidazolone, and 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-5(4H)-imidazolone)], a hydrazinocarbonyl straight or branched chain C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylazaC<sub>5-8</sub>cycloalkene which may have the above-mentioned substituent (e.g., a C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl group, and a C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl group) on an azacycloalkadiene ring thereof [for example, a monoazacycloalkadiene such as 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)pyrrole; and a diazacycloalkadiene such as an N-hydrazinocarbonylalkylimidazole compound (e.g., a 1-(hydrazinocarbonylalkyl)imidazole compound such as 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)imidazole, 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-2-methylimidazole, 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-2-undecylimidazole, 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-2-phenylimidazole, 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-2-ethyl-4-methylimidazole, or 1-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-2-phenyl-4-

methylimidazole; and a 2-(hydrazinocarbonylalkyl)imidazole compound such as 2-(hydrazinocarbonylethyl)imidazole]], and others.

Please amend the paragraph in the originally filed application on page 28, lines 12-17 as follows:

[0043] On the other hand, the carboxylic acid hydrazide in which X is an oxygen atom may include a bis(hydrazinocarbonyl straight or branched chain C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)ether such as bis(hydrazinocarbonylmethyl)ether, bis(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)ether, or bis(1-methyl-2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)ether.

Please amend the paragraph in the originally filed application on page 30, line 4 through page 32, line 1 as follows:

[0046] As the carboxylic acid hydrazide in which the hetero atom-containing compound corresponding to the group X is an aromatic alcohol, there may be mentioned a mono(hydrazinocarbonyl straight or branched chain C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy)arene, a poly(hydrazinocarbonyl straight or branched chain C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy)arene, and others. The arene ring constituting the carboxylic acid hydrazide may have one or a plurality of substituent(s) (e.g., a C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl group such as methyl group, a carboxyl group, and a hydrazinocarbonyl group). Such a compound may include, for example, a monohydrazinocarbonylalkoxyC<sub>6-10</sub>arene [e.g., (hydrazinocarbonylmethyloxy)benzene, (2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)benzene, 1,2-, 1,3- or 1,4-bis(hydrazinocarbonylmethyloxy)benzene, 1,2-, 1,3- or 1,4-bis(2-

hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)benzene, 1,3,5-tris (2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)benzene, 2-, 3- or 4-(hydrazinocarbonylmethyloxy)benzoic acidhydrazide, 2-, 3- or 4-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)benzoic acid hydrazide, 2-, 3- or 4-(1-methyl-2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)benzoic acid hydrazide, (hydrazinocarbonylmethyloxy)naphthalene, 3-(hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)-2-naphthalenecarboxylic acid hydrazide, and 6-(hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)-2-naphthalenecarboxylic acid hydrazide], a mono- or bis(hydrazinocarbonylalkoxy)bisC<sub>6-10</sub>aryl [e.g., a biphenyl compound such as 4,4'-bis(hydrazinocarbonylmethyloxy)biphenyl, 4,4'-bis(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)biphenyl, ~~4,4'-bis(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)biphenyl~~, 4,4'-bis(1-methyl-2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)biphenyl, or 4'-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)-4-biphenylcarboxylic acid hydrazide; a bisC<sub>6-10</sub>aryl straight or branched chain C<sub>1-4</sub>alkane such as 4,4'-bis(hydrazinocarbonylmethyloxy)diphenylmethane, bis(4-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)phenyl)methane, 2,2-bis(4-(hydrazinocarbonylmethyloxy)phenyl)propane, 2,2-bis(4-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)phenyl)propane, or 2,2-bis(4-(1-methyl-2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)phenyl)propane; and bis(4-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)phenyl)ether, bis(4-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)phenyl)sulfide, bis(4-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)phenyl)sulfone, and bis(4-(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyloxy)phenyl)ketone], and in addition, carboxylic acid hydrazides described in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 131953/1983 (JP-58-131953A), Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 24714/1984 (JP-59-24714A), and Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 183316/1986 (JP-61-183316A). The process for preparing

these carboxylic acid hydrazides may be referred to, for example, JP-58-131953A, JP-59-24714A, and JP-61-183316A.

Please amend the paragraph in the originally filed application on page 36, line 11 through page 38, line 21 as follows:

[0057] The hindered phenol-series compound may include a conventional phenol-series antioxidant or stabilizer, for example, a monocyclic hindered phenolic compound (e.g., 2,6-di-t-butyl-p-cresol), a polycyclic hindered phenolic compound in which rings are connected or bonded to each other through a hydrocarbon group or a group containing a sulfur atom [e.g., a C<sub>sub</sub>.1-10alkylene-bis to tetrakis(t-butylphenol) such as 2,2'-methylenebis(4-methyl-6-t-butylphenol), 4,4'-methylenebis(2,6-di-t-butylphenol) or 1,1,3-tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5-t-butylphenyl)butane; a ~~C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenylene- or dienylene-bis~~ C<sub>2-10</sub>alkylidene-bis to tetrakis(t-butylphenol) such as 4,4'-butylidenebis(3-methyl-6-t-butylphenol); a C<sub>6-20</sub>arylene or aralkylene-bis to tetrakis(t-butylphenol) such as 1,3,5-trimethyl-2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)benzene; and a bis(t-butylphenol) in which t-butylphenol groups are connected or bonded to each other through a group having a sulfur atom, for example, 4,4'-thiobis(3-methyl-6-t-butylphenol)], a hindered phenolic compound having an ester group or an amide group [e.g., a t-butylphenol having a C<sub>2-10</sub>alkylenecarbonyloxy group, exemplified by n-octadecyl-3-(4'-hydroxy-3',5'-di-t-butylphenyl)propionate or n-octadecyl-2-(4'-hydroxy-3',5'-di-t-butylphenyl)propionate; a bis to tetrakis(t-butylphenol) in which t-butylphenol groups are connected or bonded to each other through a polyol ester of a fatty acid, exemplified by 1,6-hexanediol-bis[3-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate], triethylene glycol-bis[3-(3-t-butyl-5-

methyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate] or pentaerythritol tetrakis [3-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate]; a bis to tetrakis(t-butylphenol) having a heterocyclic group and a C<sub>2-10</sub>alkylenecarbonyloxy group, exemplified by 3, 9-bis [2-(3-(3-t-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionyloxy)-1,1-dimethylethyl- ]-2,4,8,10-tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane; at-alkylphenol (e.g., t-butylphenol, and t-pentylphenol) having a C<sub>3-10</sub>alkenylcarbonyloxy group, exemplified by 2-t-butyl-6-(3'-t-butyl-5'-methyl-2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-methylphenylacrylate or 2-[1-(2-hydroxy-3,5-di-t-pentylphenyl)ethyl]-4,6-di-t-pentylphenylacrylate; a hindered phenolic compound having a phosphonic ester group, exemplified by di-n-octadecyl-3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate; a hindered phenolic compound having an amide unit, exemplified by N,N'-hexamethylenebis(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxy-dihydrocinnamamide), N,N'-ethylenebis[3-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionamide], N,N'-tetramethylenebis[3-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionamide], N,N'-hexamethylenebis[3-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionamide], N,N'-ethylenebis[3-(3-t-butyl-5-methyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionamide], N,N'-hexamethylenebis[3-(3-t-butyl-5-methyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionamide], N,N'-bis[3-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionyl]hydrazine, N,N'-bis[3-(3-t-butyl-5-methyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionyl]hydrazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)isocyanurate, or 1,3,5-tris(4-t-butyl-3-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzyl)isocyanurate], and others. Among them, a phenolic compound having a t-butyl group (particularly, a plurality of t-butyl groups), in particular, a compound having a plurality of t-butylphenol sites, is preferred. These hindered phenol-series compounds may be used singly or in combination.